MINISTRY OF PETROLUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE(SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Export of Coffee

7128. SHRI S.B. SINDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the principal countries to which coffee was exported during the last two years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, yaar-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to explore new markets in the world to boost coffee export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The principal countries to which coffee was exported during the last tow fiscal years were U.S.S.R. Yugoslovia, Italy, West Germany USA, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Switzerland and Romania.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned in 1989-90 and 1990-91 in respect of coffee exports to the above mentioned countries were Rs. 31559. 28 lakhs and Rs. 24753.51 lakhs respectively.

(c) Besides readjustment of exchange rate, the Government has recently introduced the EXIM Scrips. These are expected to act as an incentive for the coffee exporters to put in greater efforts in maximising exports and diversifying export markets

Projects From Karnataka Pending for Clearance

7129. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of karnataka pending for clearance with the Union Government; and

(b) the action taken in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFAE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). References about Various road and bridge schemes from Karnataka pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:

(i) 11 schemes for conversion of State Roads into national Highways and 20 schemes to be taken up under the Economic and Inter-State Importance Programme. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 166 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 13 estimates for works on National Highways. Subject to availability of funds and provision in the plan, these will be taken up after approval of the current year's Budget.

Loans to Farmers by Public sector Banks in Karnataka

7130. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Public Sector Banks in Karnataka, district wise and bank-wise;

(b) the total deposits in these banks, district-wise and bank-wise as on April 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991;

(c) the total amount of loans sanctioned by these banks in Karnataka, district-wise,